

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-12-02

Issued at Juneau, Thursday,
June 13, 2002

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2002

Expiration Date: Monday, September 30 at
11:59 P.M. unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order allows surplus hatchery-produced king salmon to be harvested in all fresh water drainages crossed by the Juneau City and Borough road system that are open to sport fishing. The daily bag and possession limit is four king salmon, any size. This emergency order also allows the use of bait in the fresh waters of Fish Creek Pond (Douglas Island), allows anglers at the Fish Creek Pond to retain king salmon hooked elsewhere than in the mouth, and allows anglers to use weighted hooks and lures and multiple hooks with gap between point and shank larger than one-half inch at the Fish Creek Pond. King salmon harvested in any fresh water drainages crossed by the Juneau road system, including the Fish Creek Pond, do not count toward a nonresident's annual limit.

This emergency order is in effect from June 15 through September 30, 2002.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022(31) are superseded and the provisions of 5 AAC 47.022(199) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

(1) 5 AAC 47.022 WATER	SEASON AND BAG LIMIT						SPECIAL PROVISIONS
	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Trout/ Steelhead	Dolly Varden	Halibut/ Lingcod	Other Fish/ Shellfish	
(31) JUNEAU ROAD SYSTEM, in all drainages open to sport fishing that are crossed by the Juneau City and Borough road system, not otherwise specified in this section.	B ^{1,3}	1D ²	1M, 1R	1H		1S	¹ The bag and possession limit is four fish, any size, from June 15 through September 30. ² Only 2 coho salmon 16 inches or more in length, and only 1 sockeye salmon, daily and in possession. ³ The nonresident annual limit provisions are repealed.

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(199) FISH CREEK POND (DOUGLAS ISLAND) ¹	B ^{2,3,5}	1D ⁴	1M, 1R	1H		1S	¹ The use of bait in the fresh waters of Fish Creek Pond (Douglas Island) is permitted from June 15 through September 30. Anglers may use weighted hooks and lures and multiple hooks with gap between point and shank larger than ½ inch. ² The bag and possession limit is four fish, any size, from June 15 through September 30. ³ King salmon hooked elsewhere than in the mouth may be retained from June 15 through September 30. ⁴ Only 2 coho salmon 16 inches or more in length, and only 1 sockeye salmon, daily and in possession. ⁵ The nonresident annual limit provisions are repealed.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to use its emergency order authority to open fresh waters to the harvest of surplus hatchery-produced king salmon. Hatchery-produced king salmon returning to Juneau area streams are not needed for broodstock. Therefore, the department is opening these freshwater systems to provide recreational anglers with the opportunity to harvest these surplus fish.

The Alaska Board of Fisheries also authorized the department to use its emergency order authority to liberalize methods and means of harvest if there is a surplus of hatchery-produced king salmon available in terminal harvest areas. The department expects that few fish will return to most fresh water streams crossed by the Juneau road system, with the exception of the Fish Creek Pond on Douglas Island. The number of king salmon returning to this pond should exceed 500 fish. Therefore, the department is permitting anglers to use bait in the Fish Creek Pond to increase

harvest of these fish. The use of bait is prohibited in all other freshwater drainages crossed by the Juneau road system from November 16 through September 14, except for Twin Lakes where bait is allowed throughout the year. Additionally, to further increase utilization of the king salmon at Fish Creek Pond, anglers may retain king salmon hooked elsewhere than in the mouth and may use weighted hooks and lures and multiple hooks with gap between point and shank larger than one-half inch.

DISTRIBUTION:

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